

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 784

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to commend Stephanie Shackelford for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the Research Analyst for the House Republican Caucus.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Shackelford is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as the Research Analyst for the House Republican Caucus, Stephanie Shackelford has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the House Republican Caucus have greatly benefited from Miss Shackelford's astute skill and dedication; she will be sorely missed by the legislators she so ably assisted, as she further pursue her goals; and

WHEREAS, a cum laude graduate of Rhodes College, Miss Shackelford earned a Bachelor of Arts in both International Studies and Political Science, and a minor in History; and

WHEREAS, she was also an active member of the student body and the Republican Party; she served with acumen as the President of the Rhodes College Republicans, and volunteered during the Sundquist for Governor campaign; and

WHEREAS, her academic excellence earned her membership in the Sigma Iota Rho, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her dedication at Rhodes, Stephanie supplemented her academic programs with studies of British History and British Constitutional Politics at St. John's College, Oxford University, in England, U.S. Foreign Policy at American University, political science course work at George Washington University, and political management course work at The Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, she also studied Spanish in Morelia, Mexico, marine biology as a People to People Student Ambassador in New Zealand and Australia, and international marketing and business as a Junior Achievement Student Ambassador in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding individual is an experienced researcher and has conducted extensive research that produced praiseworthy reports related to foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, beyond her academic prowess, Miss Shackelford has extensive experience in the political process; she served with probity as a Field Representative for the Tennessee Republican Party and interned for Senator Fred Thompson, in both Memphis and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Miss Shackelford's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Shackelford is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, she feels fortunate to share love and encouragement with her parents, Irie Eugene and Betty Jean Smith Shackelford, and her two sisters and brothers-in-law, Wanda Jane and Phillip Orman, and Risa Leigh and Michael Parker; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud aunt of five nephews, Matthew Stephenson Orman, Phillip Chadwick Orman, Wesley Michael Parker, Nicholas Lee Parker, and Luke Andrew Parker, and niece, Kaitlyn Rebecca Orman; and

WHEREAS, Miss Shackelford enjoys spending her free time on the water; she is an avid swimmer, water skier, and jet skier; and

WHEREAS, Miss Shackelford is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Miss Stephanie Shackelford for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the Research Analyst for the House Republican Caucus and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.